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REMARKS

The foregoing is submitted in connection with the above-identified patent application as a supplemental amendment to the claims thereof.

Upon entry of this amendment, Claims 1-31 and 35-36 will be pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, and 35 have been amended herein solely to advance prosecution of the present application. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Claims 32-34 and 37-48, which have previously been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner, have been canceled herein without prejudice to advance prosecution.

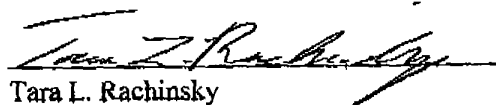
Applicant reserves the right to pursue all subject matter canceled herein in one or more continuing and/or divisional applications.

Applicant believes that the pending claims meet the requirements for patentability.

Applicant wishes to express appreciation to Examiner Winston for his indication to Applicant's representative, the undersigned, during telephonic discussion on May 17, 2004, that the above-identified claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an indication of allowability and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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